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## LAY CORNERSTONE OF HEALTH CENTER BUILDING WEDNESDAY

### Quinn, Pomeroy and Other County Officials Are Expected to Attend Impressive Ceremony; Hope to Complete Building by Early Fall

According to advices from the office of Supervisor John R. Quinn today, the date for the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new \$50,000 county health center being built in Torrance has been set for next Wednesday.

Supervisor Quinn, County Health Officer Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, and others of the county officials will attend the ceremony. Officers of the health department branch at Redondo Beach will also be invited.

Work on the foundation for the new building is completed and much of the steel is already in place. With the cornerstone formally put in place, the completion of the structure will go forward rapidly. It is expected that the new center will be ready for use early this fall, as the contract calls for its completion in 90 days.

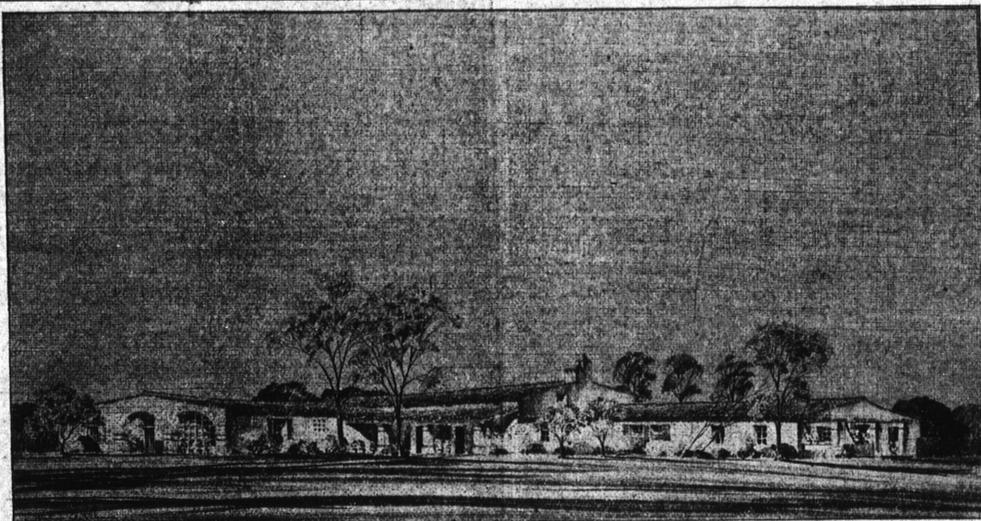
Credit for securing such a substantial addition to the number of

public buildings in Torrance is due largely to the untiring efforts of former Mayor John Dennis and Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who have worked for the past two years or more to secure this valuable concession from the board of supervisors. In this they were aided substantially by Mr. Quinn, supervisor from the fourth district, who has worked with them in every way.

They have had the support of other officials in Torrance during their past terms of office and the support of influential business and professional men of the city who recognized the importance of the move.

At this date no announcement can be made as to the program devised for the ceremony, as tentative plans have not been completed, but it is hoped that the entire community will turn out to show its appreciation to county officials who will be present.

## New County Health Center Building



The new Torrance Health Center, to be erected on the triangular plot of ground west of the American Legion clubhouse, will be a handsome addition to the number of public buildings already established in this section of the city. The building will be of two stories in the main section, with a one-story ell extending to the west. The roof will cover the entire building.

On the main floor are located the information and business offices, with a built-in supply room in the latter, and adjoining the business office are rooms for the supervisor of nurses and interns. On the south side of the corridor are offices for the medical director, sanitary inspector and sanitary officers, toilets and rest-rooms, and janitor's storeroom. This west entrance at the end of this corridor is completed with a pergola.

The main building, extending north and south, two stories in height, will have on the first floor a dental clinic, treatment cubicles, physiotherapy, general medical offices, examination room, eye, ear, nose and throat clinic, and laboratory. The stairs to the second floor and to the basement where the heating plant for the building is located, will be reached from this section. A full length corridor, north-south, divides the main building.

Located on the east side of this corridor are the V. D. clinic, V. D. examination room, tuberculosis examination room, tuberculosis clinic, office of the medical director, office for the bureau of weights and measures, child hygiene, etc.

## PASSING OF COUNCIL MEMBER SHOCK TO ENTIRE CITIZENRY

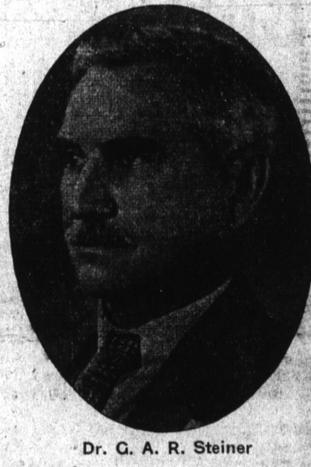
### Dr. G. A. R. Steiner Lived Colorful and Useful Life Devoted to Community Service; Mourned by All

City officials, civic leaders, and hundreds of other citizens this afternoon paid solemn and sad tribute to the passing of Dr. G. A. R. Steiner, 67 years old, senior member of the Torrance city council, whose sudden death Monday evening was a great shock to the entire citizenry. The chapel at Stone & Myers' mortuary, where funeral services were held this afternoon, was crowded to capacity by friends of the revered civic leader. Services were under the direction of the Elks Lodge of which the deceased had been a life member for over 40 years. Interment will be made at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

The veteran councilman and chairman of the city's department of public works was stricken suddenly at 6:30 Monday evening while eating dinner. He died an hour later without regaining consciousness. The inhalator squad worked tirelessly for over an hour and a half but were unable to revive the stricken official. An attending physician stated that death had been caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

The passing of Dr. Steiner is considered a great loss to the entire community. His wide knowledge of city affairs, his mature judgment, and his keen foresight have been a bulwark of strength upon which the less experienced members of the city council have depended. He was the only member of the old council to hold office since the April elections this

## Mourned



Dr. G. A. R. Steiner

year, and his counsel has been of inestimable value to the city.

Dr. Steiner's unquestioned honesty and sincerity of purpose, his outspoken frankness and his kindly spirit toward his fellow men, have won for him the respect and admiration of all. Many believe that the three months of political turmoil since election, and its attendant strain upon his health, had weakened his resistance and hastened his passing. But he gave freely of his time and his energy, regardless of the personal sacrifice, for the good of the city he served.

**Son of Doctor**  
Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., February 28, 1865, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Steiner, he early learned of the sacrifices and hardships associated with the life of a physician. His father was one of the old school of practicing physicians who made his calls astride a horse. After graduation from high school, young Steiner entered a Philadelphia medical college and was awarded an M. D. degree. He served his internship in a Pittsburgh hospital and after taking a post-graduate course, began the practice of medicine as an associate of his father in Pittsburgh, where he remained for ten years.

**Came West**  
But the ambitious young physician "felt the call of the West," and in 1891 he traveled to Seattle, Washington, continuing his profession until 1921 when he moved to Torrance. In the latter years of his practice in Seattle, Dr. Steiner specialized in electrotherapy.

**Married in Seattle**  
While in Seattle, Dr. Steiner met Martha M. Miller, a kindergarten teacher, and in March, 1910, they were married.

**Came to Torrance**  
In 1921, Dr. Steiner learned of the opportunities in Southern California, gave up his profession and moved to Torrance, where he became associated with the Dominguez Land Corporation in the sale of the Torrance Tract. Soon afterwards, he was made sales manager of the corporation by President Osborne. It was during his association with the Dominguez Land Corporation that the oil boom in Torrance was at its zenith.

In 1923, Steiner resigned from the Dominguez Land Corporation and moved to Redondo. However, he continued in the real estate business in Torrance in partnership with the Vanderhals Brothers and Lawrence Crowell. When the real estate boom began to wane

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## FIRST VOTERS CLUB GROWING IN INTEREST

### Golden, Democratic Candidate, Delivers Address Before Local Club

Considerable interest in the presidential campaign is developing among the young voters of Torrance due to the activities of the First Voters Club, organized two weeks ago. At its meeting held Monday night, Charles J. Golden, Democratic candidate for member of congress, addressed the gathering, and spoke at length on the history and present aims of the Democratic party, its notable leaders of other days, and the pressing need this year for the united support of the presidential candidate, Franklin D. Roosevelt, in order to bring about a "new deal" for the American people in politics and economics.

Mr. Golden admonished the young men of the club that the responsibility for carrying on the work of the party, and particularly for bringing about conditions in government that would be fair and equitable to all the American people, rested upon the youth of the land. "Men of my generation," he said, "who have carried the burden in past years will soon be gone. It is the duty of the young voters to take up the struggle and lend their strength and courage and their political sagacity to the solving of the problems that confront us. They are the ones of whom the burden will fall most heavily if these problems are not solved correctly and with justice to all. The older generations must pass on and leave the battle to the youth of the nation, to make their own conditions of living and to provide their own opportunities for enjoyment of the rights and privileges guaranteed them under the constitution."

That the young people are taking up the challenge of their elders this year as never before in the history of the country was strongly brought out by the address of T. H. Tidwell, of San Pedro, who is at the head of a movement to establish a First Voters club similar to the Torrance organization in his home city. Mr. Tidwell was an orator of ability, who made a deeply favorable impression on the older members of the audience as well as his contemporaries, by his logical reasoning, his fund of information and the intense earnestness with which he presented his message.

Other speakers in the audience were called upon for brief remarks by Robert Lessing, who presided in the absence of the president of the club.

The Roosevelt First Voters Club is composed of young men and women of Torrance who are backing Roosevelt for president in this campaign. Membership is open to both young men and women, and while it was formed of first voters originally, the membership is not

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## Bids On Floor Covering Asked By Supervisors

### Work On County Health Center Is to Be Done Without Delay

In order that there may be no delays whatever in the completion of the new Torrance Health center which is rapidly taking shape, the board of supervisors this week instructed the chief mechanical engineer to prepare plans and specifications for linoleum and floor covering for the \$35,000 building. The plans were ordered at the request of the county health officer, who asked that he be consulted regarding the colors to be specified.

Contract with the Long Beach Marble and Tile Company for furnishing marble and tile for the health center building was signed by Chairman Henry W. Wright of week. Other contracts also were signed for lathing and plastering, and for electric wiring.

The supervisors this week were asked for an allocation of \$2500 for making movable partitions for the county health department. The matter was referred to the county counsel for opinion as to whether the partitions were in reality a part of the building, and whether the money set aside for the building could be used for that purpose if they were not a part of the building.

## Registration Lists Closed Until Aug. 21

Clerks in the office of County Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr are busy tabulating the names of county voters who took advantage of the opportunity to register during the two weeks closing last Thursday in order that they might vote at the August 30 primaries. The registrar's books closed at midnight, July 21, and will not be open again until August 21.

With the next week Torrance residents will know how many registered voters are eligible to vote at the next primary. A considerable gain is expected over the number registered for the May 3 primaries. Registrar Kerr will announce the new figures as soon as his clerical staff can get them together, he said today.

## New Manager For Local Exchanges

C. C. Draper has been appointed manager of the Wilmington, Torrance and Lomita telephone exchanges, effective this week, according to an announcement by Fred W. Smith, district manager for the Southern California Telephone Company. Mr. Draper replaces C. L. Tuttle, who has been transferred to Glendale.

**SON IS BORN**  
A son was born July 10 to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baker of Gardena. Mrs. Baker is a teacher in the Torrance elementary school.

## Men With Hoes Give Unsightly Lots a Cleaning

### Workers From Veterans' Association War On Weeds and Rubbish

Torrance is getting the cleaning of its life. No longer will rank weed growth and discarded odds and ends of junk offend the eye as the visitor passes by the vacant lots here and there in the city.

The men who are registered with the Veterans' Relief Association are cleaning up the town. Now that business at the relief headquarters has been put on a regular schedule, so that all workers are assigned to tasks, a surplus of labor not needed for work in the fields or in the warehouse has been put on the job of cleaning up the vacant lots in the city.

Already a number of downtown lots have been cleaned. The weeds have been cut down, rubbish gathered up and the place looks neat and orderly. The work will continue until all the lots have been spruced up, or until there is a more important job to be done that will require all the man power now registered.

Torrance can welcome Olympic visitors with the same serenity that a good housewife feels when she cleans up her home and invites the neighbors in for a bridge game. The corners are swept and the place is neat and trim. A complete report of the activities of the Association as given out by the manager in charge, will be found elsewhere in this issue. Each week a detailed report will be given so that Torrance citizens may know exactly how the new organization is functioning.

## New Location For Flour Distribution

The store building at the corner of El Prado and Sartori, opposite the Dolley Drug Co., has been secured for the storage of flour distributed by the Red Cross agency here.

Those who have been getting their supply through this agency are notified to come to the new address Saturday morning at the usual hour.

**CALL MAN APPOINTED**  
Appointment of Merle L. Gasser as call man for the Lomita fire protection district was approved last week by the county board of supervisors. The appointment was made by Spence Turner, county fire warden, effective July 8.

## Judge Bullock



Will speak at Scout meeting tomorrow night at American Legion hall.

## Employees In Street Dept. to Continue Under Gascoigne

As ex-officio member of all committees, Mayor Klusman will temporarily serve with Councilman Ludlow and Conner on the committee of public works, it was decided at a special meeting of the council Tuesday afternoon, following the sudden death of Councilman Steiner.

Members of the council made it clear, however, that the active supervision of all employees of the street department would remain as heretofore, under Supt. of Streets Gascoigne. All matters of importance are to be brought before the entire committee or the council for action.

The council has 60 days in which to appoint a member to succeed Dr. Steiner, and in the event that a majority of the council cannot agree upon a man to fill the vacancy within 60 days, an election must be called within 90 days, City Attorney Jensen stated. In an informal discussion among council members Tuesday afternoon, it was agreed by Councilmen Ludlow, Conner and Wright that they would take their time about filling the vacancy in order to get the best possible man.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone attended a dinner party at the home of Mrs. A. M. Tony in Long Beach last Saturday evening.

## Torrance Realizes Its Quota of \$73 For Trust Fund

Torrance's quota of \$73, assigned as its part of the expense fund for putting into operation the Los Angeles Home Owners' Trust Fund, has been completed, according to advices from the Chamber of Commerce which has been handling the work of securing donations.

The cash has been turned over to the organization in Los Angeles, and has been acknowledged by that group. The Chamber of Commerce in Torrance publicly expresses thanks to all individuals and firms who have contributed to this cause. The record of all money and donors is on file at the Chamber of Commerce office.

## Judge Bullock to Speak to Scouts Tomorrow Night

Parents of the members of Troop 3, Boy Scouts, and the public in general is invited, says Scoutmaster Robert Lewellen, to attend the troop meeting tomorrow night, July 29, to be held in the American Legion hall, when Judge Georgia Bullock of Los Angeles will be the speaker. The troop meeting will begin at 7:30 as usual, to be followed by Judge Bullock's address on boys' work and the problems of youth in general.

Mr. Lewellen inaugurated the custom several months ago of bringing speakers, prominent in their fields, to address his troop, on one night each month.

As Judge Bullock is an outstanding local figure and a speaker of note, the scoutmaster has thrown open the meeting to the public. The address will be non-political.

## Blind Attorney Commits Suicide

Frank W. Forester, blind attorney of Los Angeles, committed suicide Tuesday by slashing his wrists and throat with a safety razor blade. Forester, a candidate for judge of the superior court, had been despondent recently over campaign matters, it was stated.

The attorney recently appeared in the justice court in Torrance representing a client in the "hay case" from Walteria, in which Harry F. Taylor was convicted of petty theft on charges preferred by T. A. Venable.

## Torrance Welch Chosen Director First Nat. Bank

### Nephew of J. S. Torrance and Prominent in Local and L. A. Finance

Torrance C. Welch has been elected a director of the First National Bank of Torrance, it was announced this week by J. W. Post, president.

Mr. Welch is a nephew of Jared Sidney Torrance, founder of the City of Torrance, and is well known here, where he has extensive interests. He is also prominent in financial circles in Los Angeles, being president of the Torrance C. Welch Company, members of the Los Angeles Stock Exchange and the Curb Exchange.

The new bank director is also president of the Torrance Mutual Building & Loan Association. His wide experience in financial matters and his close association with the development of this city since its inception, will make him a valuable director of the bank, the stockholders and directors believe.

Other officers elected were: James W. Post, president; George W. Neill, vice president; E. J. Deinger, cashier; W. E. Schlick, assistant cashier; J. W. Post, Geo. W. Neill, J. S. Lancaster, Laura Post, with Torrance C. Welch, compose the directorate.

## District Attorney Speaks Here Sunday

Buron Fitts, district attorney of Los Angeles county, will speak Sunday evening at the Central Evangelical church. Mr. Fitts comes at the invitation of the Central Brotherhood. His topic will be, "Crime Prevention and Law Enforcement."

The Brotherhood invites Torrance to come and learn what our community should do with those people who refuse to fall in line with good society, the law of the land, and the constructive program of the community in which they live.

This is not a political meeting, but matters of importance to the welfare of the people will be discussed. The program begins at 7:30 o'clock.

## Council Passes Resolution of Condolence

At a special meeting of the Torrance City Council held Tuesday afternoon, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the men constituting the Council of the City of Torrance have ever looked for inspiration and guidance to G. A. R. Steiner, a member of said City Council, and have ever been conscious of the fact that his interest in civic affairs has been exemplified in the life and conduct of Mr. Steiner; and

WHEREAS, in his death, the City Council has suffered an irreparable loss and every member thereof sorrowfully regrets that his passing at this time was a part of the divine order of things.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the City Council of the City of Torrance, in special meeting assembled this 28th day of July, 1932, do hereby express our profound grief occasioned by his death and our heartfelt sympathy for those dear members of his family who must remain and be without his gentle guidance and sympathetic encouragement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof be forwarded to Mrs. Martha M. Steiner.

W. T. KLUSMAN,  
JOSEPH M. WRIGHT,  
C. EARL CONNER,  
SCOTT R. LUDLOW.

Attest:  
A. H. BARTLETT,  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

## CHAMBER BOARD ADOPTS RESOLUTION

A similar resolution recognizing Dr. Steiner's contribution to the upbuilding and maintenance of the city and its organized agencies was adopted by directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and signed by DeKalb Spurlin, president; Sam Levy, Harry H. Dolley, George J. Peckham, James W. Post, Dr. J. S. Lancaster, W. Rufus Page and Donald Findley.